

Docket No.: 2843 (02-24 US)

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005. Claims 1-18 have been pending in the subject application and were rejected by the Examiner. By this Amendment the Applicant amended claims 1,3,7,8,11 and 12; and canceled claims 2,6. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application as amended are respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-18 under 35U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 under 35U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by newly discovered US patent No. 5,602,040. The Examiner also made a suggestion to amend claim 1 to obviate the claim rejections. The Applicant amended claim 1 accordingly. Claims 2 and 6 were canceled without prejudice. Claims 3,7,8, 11 and 12 were amended to correct their dependency and provide adequate antecedent support for the claim elements.

It is believed that the Applicant addressed all the issues raised by the Examiner and the present application is now in a condition for allowance. An early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this Amendment, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0895.

Respectfully submitted,



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